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SIR:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c), and in conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) submitted herewith, Applicants petition for suspension of action in the above-identified application the examination of Reissue Application serial No. 10/140,040 is completed. No Office Action is pending in that Reissue application.

The appropriate petition fee is enclosed. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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